Daniel Players Receive Grant For "Paint Your Wagon"

Keysville The Daniel Players received word last week that the Va. Commission of the Arts & Humanities had given them a $500 grant to help finance the elaborate set construction and to assist in the musical preparation for the drama gorup's current production of "Paint Your Wagon."

This is the second grant by the Commission to the dedicated drama group sponsored by the John H. Daniel Campus of SVCC.

"The generous grant by the Virginia Commission of the Arts and Humanities is deeply appreciated by our local drama group," said Daniel Players President Tucker Keiser, "because it helps us up-grade the quality of our productions."

"And, perhaps just as importantly," Keiser continued, "that so prestigious a group as the Commission, which knows intimately the cultural activities of the whole state, has faith in our work gives the Players' morale a tremendous boost."

"Paint Your Wagon" which played to capacity audiences last week-end will be presented in two performances this week - Thursday, April 29 and Friday, April 30. (Note: there will be NO performance May 1). There will be a student performance on April 28. Curtian time is 8:30 p.m.

Audiences have been enthusiastic about the production, many declaring it the best in the Daniel Players string of ten 'hits' in a row.

Kurt Corriher in the **Farmville Herald** wrote: "From the lively opening music, one senses a good time coming, and the Daniel Players don't let you down. Their production . . . is delightful . . . I found myself surprised and slightly impatient at the break for intermission . . . a fool proof indication of an effective show."

Health Forum Set May 4th

Alcoholism and Food Facts and Fallacies will be the topics discussed at the Ninth Greater Lynchburg Regional Health Forum to be held in the auditorium of Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdaym May 4,1976. The Forum is being co-sponsored by the State Women's Committee of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation and the Virginia Council on Health and Medical Care. Thomas H. Brown,III, Director of Counseling for the Alcoholism Treatment Unit at Arlington Hospital in Arlington, has as his topic "The Disease Concept of Alcoholism." Mr. Brown is a recognized authority, counselor and lecturer on alcoholism.

Erna Mae Behrend who recently retired as Chief Dietary Nutritionist as the A. D. Williams Clinic, Medical College of Virginia in Richmond will talk on "Food Facts and Fallacies." Miss Behrend is a member of the Nutrition Committee of the Virginia Council on Health and Medical Care and has spent years counseling with patients who have come to the clinics at the Medical College of Virginia.

Miss Patricia Hollingsworth, Program Consultant at the Roanoke Office of the Virginia Division of the Dairy and Food Nutrition Council of the Southeast., will preside at the Forum. Mrs. Francis H. Houff, a member of the State Women's Committee of the Virginia Farm Bureau Federation from Weyers Cave, will bring the welcoming message from the Farm Bureau. Mr. E. T. Hapgood, President of the C. B. Fleet Company and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Council on Health and Medical Care, will represent the Council.

The Reverend Lee Stocks, Associate Chaplain of Virginia Baptist Hospital, will deliver the invocation.

Mrs. R. K. Martin, Pamplin, chairman of the Forum and a member of the State Women's Committee VFBF says that the public is invited and encouraged to attend the Forum which is free and will adjourn at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Airman Kenneth R. O'Brien

Receiving Training At Sheppard Air Force Base

SAN ANTONIO - Airman Kenneth R. O'Brien, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clem H. O'Brien of Rt. 3, Appomattox, Va., has been selected for technical training in the U. S. Air Force wire maintenance field at Sheppard AFB, Tex.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex., where he studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

Airman O'Brien is a 1975 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

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The staff includes a pediatrician, Dr. Soon Kim Song, who is also the Clinic's director; a nurse, Mrs. Edna Burton; a clinical psychologist, Dr. Ann Looney; a social worker, Mrs. Helen Smith and an educational consultant, Mrs. Paula Smith. The clinic service the cities of Lynchburg and Bedford as well as Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell Counties.

There is no charge at this time for the basic evaluation, although fees are required for extra services, such as laboratory fees, X-ray and specialist consultations, where necessary. These fees however, are charged as to the family's ability to pay.

Parents interested in contacting this agency can do so by calling 847-9064.

Since the Clinic has recently moved from its Grace Street location to 2316 Atherholt Road, an Open House is being held on April 30 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. The staff will be available to answer any questions as well as to give tours of their facility. The public is welcome to attend.

Bassmasters To Sponsor 3rd Tournament

On May 8 & 9, The Brookneal Bassmasters will sponsor the Third Annual Staunton River Stripped Bass Tournament. This Tournament is open to anyone who likes to fish. The hours will run from 6 a.m. on the 8th until 7 p.m. on the 9th. Only the largest fish will be weighed. Prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st place - $125.00 plus a trophy; 2nd place - $75.00 plus a trophy; and 3rd place - $50.00 plus a trophy.

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Arthritis Foundation May Drive Set At $8,000

With the month of May comes the Central Virginia Branch of the Arthritis Foundation drive for funds. For the first time a door-to-door campaign will be made in the city of Appomattox and nearby areas. Through the efforts of Mrs. Audrye Almond, of Pamplin, 25 marchers will be calling on homes and businesses in the area. They may be identified by red and white tags.

Mr. Bill Dudley, of Lynchburg, well known in the athletic and business worlds, is serving as "Honorary Chairman" for the campaign, which will cover the entire Central Virginia District.

The Central Virginia Branch of the Arthritis Foundation is proud of the fact that, during the past year, they have opened and continue to back an Arthritis Clinic at the Out-Patient Department of Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg. In addition, they support research, provide aid and information for numerous local arthritics, and offer financial aid to young medical scientists and physicians in an effort to attract more medical workers to specialize in the field of arthritis.

For additional information, contact the Lynchburg office by telephoning 384-6263, Mondays or Fridays.

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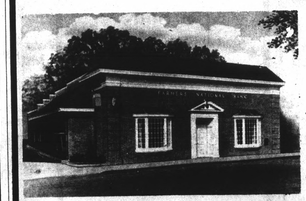

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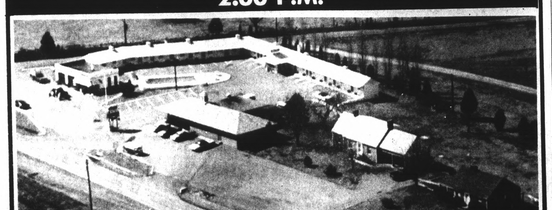

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Greetings, as we speed along through the Bicentennial Year. Lots of things are getting done. Unlike the lazy person who slept with his watch under his pillow so he could sleep over time. I had to miss attending the fiftieth reunion of my college class Saturday and was sad about it. Most of my garden has been planted, but seems to me first things up are what I did not plant, morning glories. And there is no sign of life from my lone fig tree. It is an old one and may be in retirement. Bro. Rufus Cawthorne brought us some lovely Iris, in assorted colors. Also a quart of strawberries. We have a mock orange in bloom.

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Saturday was "sale day" in Appomattox. A good turn out for a bake sale at St. Anne's Church, and Percy George had a big auction sale. Percy is an able auctioneer.

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Congratulations to Appomattox Lions Club on new officers elected, including J. Franklin Vaughan as incoming president. The Lions Club is one of our oldest and perhaps the largest civic organization. I was a chater Lion, back in 1939, but retired after twenty-five years.

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A big jaybird keeps coming to my bird feeder, although I stock it with wildbird seed only during winter months. The jay is not the most popular bird, but if you have a chance to look at'm closeup, they are a thing of beauty.

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Mothers Day was a Family Day in our area, with many family groups assembled. A lot of good ole Virginia cooking had been done and it was a happy occasion.

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Our heating for the home is set up in the basement and of late have been going up and down the steps, turning it on and turning it off. Maybe in a few days we will settle down to enjoy some good summer-like weather and turn our attention to air conditioning. Just take it in stride.

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Presidential politics is getting major attention. I was recalling campaigns in which a good campaign song played a big part. Al Smith's song was Sidewalks of New York. And Franklin D. Roosevelt got the nation to sing and believe Happy Days Are Here Again. Remember? A current candidate is said to favor My Never Ending Love For You.

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Understand some rusting town street name signs are to be replaced soon. Appomattox Is A Growing Town and although I liked the Blue and Gray signs we had all over some years ago, will settle for anything to make us look nice.

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I was Class Historian and just looked up what I had written. Ended up like this: "For four years we have been storing up treasures, and now we enter a lifetime in which a chief delight will be to hold up to glitter in the light of retrospection the jewels of yesteryear." That should apply to many things.

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Note that the popular Sprouses Store and Restaurant in adjourning Buckingham County has closed. Many of us enjoyed stopping there, especially the ham biscuits they served.

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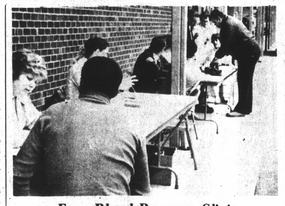
Every time I see our Publisher, J. Lloyd Vaughan, I ask "How many pages this week!" Seems to get bigger all the time, which is good, and I mean good for the advertisers, readers and for Appomattox. Ah yes, and notice how many excellent pictures they are running. I am a believer in home town newspapers. Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.



Free Blood Pressure Clinic Will Be Held Again Saturday

Sponsored by the Xi Gamma Tau Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi and assisted by members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad and volunteer local registered nurses, a free blood pressure clinic was held at Triangle Plaza Shopping Center Saturday, May 8. A total of 130 persons took a little of their time to stop for a check on their blood pressure, possibly the number one secret enemy of 25% of our county residents.

On Saturday, May 15, the clinic will be set up in front of Wilbun's Super Market on Confederate Boulevard from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

If you were not checked on May 8, make plans to stop by Saturday and take advantage of the service being offered. It could save your life.

Mailbox Improvement Week May 17-22

Postmasters O. S. McCoy and L. E. Richardson are reminding the customers of Appomattox and Pamplin, Virginia of "Mailbox Improvement Week", a traditional Spring observance which contributes to improved security and appearance of the nation's nearly 24 million mailboxes, will be held May 17-22 this year.

Held annually, this event has long served as the starting signal for community efforts to repair, repaint and make other improvements to their mailboxes.

Postal Service rural carriers serve approximately 13.5 million families along some 32,480 rural routes.

Rural mail service began in 1896. In those days many make-shift receptacles were used as mailboxes. One favorite was a tin can nailed to a tree. Today, manufacturers provide a variety of modern mailbox designs for use with decorative posts in co-operation with the Postal Service.

DOG ORDINANCE IN EFFECT MAY 15

The Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County, at their last regular meeting, passed an ordinance calling for the confinement of all dogs in the county to the lots of their owners or keepers for a period of thirty days.

The Dog Ordinance will be in effect beginning May 15 and continuing for a period of thirty days. All dogs found going at large within the County of Appomattox during this period of time shall be impounded.

Owners and keepers of any dogs within the county who fail to confine such dogs will be subject to a fine of $5.00 for each offense.

LIONS CLUB WILL MEET TONIGHT

The Lions Club of Appomattox will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maude's Restaurant.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Dave Staples, Farmville VEPCO office, who will speak on "Future Sources of Electricity".

All members will want to be present at this meeting.

OEPN HOUSE SET FOR APPOMATTOX-BUCKINGHAM COUNTY FOREST CENTER

An Open House at the new Appomattox-Buckingham County Forest Center, shown above, has been set for Sunday afternoon, May 16, 1976 from 1:30 until 4:30. The new center is located on Route 636 about 1 and ½ miles South off Route 24.

The public is invited to come out and tour the pine seed orchard, the post peeling and treating plant, see equipment on display, learn about the Forest Management Program and tour the facilites of the new Forest Center. A boiler, used in 1900 and purchased by Mr. J. C. Hayes, to heat water for treating plant will also be on display.

Ground Broken Tuesday For New Masonic Lodge Building

Ground was broken Tuesday morning of this week for a new Masonic Lodge building for Monroe Lodge No. 301 AF & AM.

Shown in the photo above at the ground-breaking ceremonies, from the left, are C. O. Rhodenizer, District Deputy Grand Master; Dr. C. G. O'Brien, member of Monroe Lodge 301 AF & AM who broke the ground; C.M. Franklin, Worshipful Master; C.S. Booth, Building Fund Chairman; and R. C. Moore, Building Committee Chairman.

The new 30 foot x 60 foot, two-story Lodge building will face on Lee Street on a 100 foot x 153 foot lot donated to the members by Courtland Realty. Members of Monroe Lodge 301 AF & AM will do the construction of their new building.

Pre-School Clinic

Pre-school clinic dates have been set by the health department. If you desire to use health department services for the required physical for the child entering school, please call the health department for an appointment. The number if 352-5690.

State law requires that each child have a physical prior to entering school.

The pre-school clinic is being held in co-operation with the health department, school board and local physicians.

School Board Will Meet May 13

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room in Appomattox on Thursday, May 13 at 7 p.m.

CANCER CRUSADE NEARS TOP OF GOAL

With a Fair Share Goal of $4500.00 set for Appomattox County for the American Cancer Crusade, reaching the goal is close at hand.

Mrs. Margo Mims and Mrs. Beck Hudson, co-chairmen of the crusade for Appomattox County, would like to remind volunteers to turn in contributions at the earliest possible date. April was the month set aside as Cancer Control Month and we would like to have our county 100%.

If you were missed by volunteers and would like to make a donation, please mail your check to either of the co-chairmen or to Dr. C. G. O'Brien, President of the Appomattox County Unit, American Cancer Society, or take it to either the Farmers National Bank or to Fidelity National Bank.

FFA Wins BOAC Award

The Appomattox County FFA chapter has been judged area winner of the 1976 Building Our American Communities program. The BOAC award is designed to stimulate interest in community improvement and provide a study-action program to help build future leaders of America.

Every member of the 284-member Appomattox County chapter participated in at least one activity to improve the community. The chapter worked with twelve community groups in carrying out its objectives.

Some of the major projects completed were planning and developing a second children's park, assisting with the community Railroad Day and improving the school grounds.

The record of the Appomattox County FFA Chapter will be considered along with those of five other area winners in determining the top state chapter in the Building Our American Communities Program. The state award will be presented during the 1976 State FFA Convention at Blacksburg June 14-17.

Blood Program To Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Appomattox County will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Red Cross Blood Program on Tuesday, May 18, from noon until 6 p.m. when the Bloodmobile comes to Appomattox for the last visit of this fiscal year. For twenty-five years the Red Cross has been providing this life sustaining service.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at twelve noon Tuesday at Liberty Baptist Church where the Bloodmobile will be set up. Dr. S. R. Lawson, Chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, will cut the ribbon. Everyone in the county is invited.

Faithful blood donors through the years, shown in photo above from the left, are Newton Jennings, a donor of 73 units of blood; Mrs. Myrtle Smith Scruggs, a donor of 24 units of blood and one who donated at the first visit of the Bloodmobile to Appomattox on Feb. 17, 1951; Mrs. Dot Davidson, a donor of 47 units of blood; Mrs. Harriett Redding, a donor of 34 units of blood; and T. Hunter Dickerson, a donor of 68 units of blood and also one who donated at the first visit to Appomattox. These five blood donors have donated a total of 246 units of blood since the first visit of the Bloodmobile to Appomattox County and they urg YOU to come out Tuesday and give a unit of your lifesaving blood.

There will be a 25th Anniversary Cake and all donors and friends are invited to eat cake with the volunteers at the Tuesday visit.

Rocks Extension Homemakers Club will be in charge of the canteen for this visit.

One - hunred - two units of blood will have to be donated at this visit to keep Appomattox County 100% of its quota. Seventeen year olds are encouraged to donate blood but they must have parental consent.

A nursery will be provided for children of donors.

"Help somebody back to life - be a Red Cross Blood Donor".

The Blood Program in our county is sponsored by the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club with Mrs. Mary Katherine Whitehead serving as their representative. Rev. Earnie Lucas is Chairman of the Blood Progrm and is very ably assisted by Mrs. Lucy Harvey.

Local Student Receives Scholarship

Tommie Steven Cawthorn

Tommie Steven Cawthorn, who will be a 1976 graduate of Appomattox County High School, was recently named a winner of the Greater Lynchburg Area Honor Scholarship to Lynchburg College in Lynchburg. Of eleven applicants from the Lynchburg area, Steve was one of three winners. Applicants for this scholarship should have demonstrated superior scholastic ability and rank at or near the top of their class. In winning this scholarship, Steve follows in the footsteps of another Appomattox student, Marcella Lively, who was a 1975 recipient of the Greater Lynchburg Area Honor Scholarship.

Throughout his high school career, Steve has been very active in extra-curricular activites. In the FFA, Steve has been Chaplain, Treasurer and Vice President from grades 10 through 12, respectively. Steve was Junior Class Treasurer and served this year as Senior Class President. Steve is a two-year member of the national Honor Society and served as Reporter during his Senior year. He is also a member of the ACHS Senior Hi-Y.

During his Senior year, Cont'd on Page 12

Appomattox FFA Member Wins In Tractor Driving

Nathan Smith, a member of the Appomattox County High School FFA Chapter, placed first in the Annual Southside Area FFA Tractor Operating Contest at Appomattox May 11.

Second place was won by Chuck Russell of the Halifax County Senior High School. Jay Lee, Blackstone Junior High School and Billy Mayhew, Staunton River, finished third and fourth respectively.

Tractor operating is an FFA activity which includes skills in maintaining and operating tractors safely.

The winning operator will represent the 14-county Southside Area in the state finals at VPI in June. The area contest was directed by W. C. Perrow, instructor of agricultural education in the Appomattox County High School.

HOLIDAY LAKE TO OPEN WEEK ENDS

Holiday Lake State Park will be opened for week ends (weather permitting) permitting this week end. Park facilities will be open Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16 and again on Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23. Full time operation will begin on May 29 and continue through the summer.

Persons interested in making future reservations at the Holiday Lake State Park for other parks throughout the state may now do so at the lake. This is the first year that this service has been offered at state parks.

A new 30 foot water-slide has been installed and the lake and some new boats have been added. They also offer camping sites, boating, sailing, canoeing, swimming, and an excellent picnic area.

Visit your state park this year.

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Tickets Available For Train Ride

The Appomattox Bicentennial Commission has made arrangements for interested individuals to have the opportunity to ride a train pulled by an old-fashioned steam locomotive engine. On Sunday, May 16, an excursion train will pass through Appomattox on the way to Lynchburg, Virginia. Approximately 200 seats will be available to ride this train from Appomattox to Lynchburg. The train is scheduled to Cont'd on Page 12

PAMPLIN COUNCIL SETS MASS MEETING

The Pamplin Town Council will hold a Mass Meeting at the Pamplin Fire House on May 21, 1976 at 7:30 p.m.

This meeting will be open to all town citizens for suggestions concerning improvement projects.

photo by Robert E. Pankey

"Thinking Bluegrass"

The young couple pictured, above evidently have heard the news. The news being that the Appomattox County Jaycees are making preparations for their second annual "Appomattox Jaycee Bluegrass Festival." The festival will be held June 4 and 5 at Paradise Lake located seven miles west of Appomattox on U.S. Rt. 460. Last year's event was dampened by rain but this didn't dampen the Jaycee spirit as plans for a bigger and better event are currently underway.

Bluegrass bands including:

New Spring Grass

Little George & The Hill City Cutups, Johnny Ellis — The Blue Grass Express, Jim Orange & The Orange Blossoms Harvest

Roby Huffman & The Bluegrass Cut-Ups will provide the entertainment for two big shows that week end.

Friday, June 4, the show starts at 7 p.m. and continues until 12 p.m. Admission for this show will be $3.00. Saturday's activities began at 2 p.m. and will conclude at mid-nite. Admission for Saturday's show will be $5.00. The Jaycees will offer a special 2-day combination pass for $7.00. Children udner 12 will be admitted free. Rough campsites will be available and will be offered free to holders of combination passes. Food service, medical and law enforcement aid will be available at all times and the shows will be held rain or shine.

As with all Jaycee projects proceeds obtained thru this event will be returned to the Appomattox area. So reserve the week end of June 4 and 5 and make plans to attend the Appomattox Jaycee Bluegrass Festival.